

Local Work Group development of local EQIP.

Goodhue County Soil & Water Conservation District FY04

1. List the local resource concerns that EQIP can address:

Soil Erosion & Sedimentation, Water Resource Protection, Wastewater & runoff from feedlots, Forestry Practices, Grazing Management and Wildlife Habitat were the major concerns highlighted that can be addressed through EQIP.

Concerns also included the conversion of farmland to non-ag uses or even the conversion to more intensive use in agriculture. The contributions of these factors to increased runoff and those associated problems were items the group would like to see addressed in some manner if possible.

Partnering with the Extension Service effort to demonstrate milkhouse waste water systems on four dairy farms was endorsed

2. If applicable, list any geographic regions (i.e. watersheds, townships, etc.) and their respective resource concerns within the District to receive priority:

Etter Creek watershed was discussed but not singled out other than through the encouragement of application via the Met Council funds to supplement EQIP funds. This will be covered on impaired waters scoring.

3. Prioritize and weight each local resource concern for the district. Weight must be between 1 and 10:

Resource		
Factor	Priority	Weight
A1. Erosion Control	High	10
A2 Gully Control	High	6
B1 Water Resource	High	5
B2 Wastewater/CNMP	Medium - High	4
C Habitat Improvement	Medium	2
D Air Quality	Medium - Low	1
E Impaired Water	Medium - High	4
F Distance	Medium - High	4
G Grazing System	Medium - Low	2
H Forest Management	Medium - High	5
Additional Local*	High	7

- If the additional local concern is scored, describe the concern here and how points will be scored. Include any geographic priorities.
- Additional Local concerns include:
 - Upland treatment applied above existing structures (3pts)
 - Erosion control measures benefiting actively cropped lands (3pts)

4. Attach the scoring worksheet as recommended for the district.

5. List any recommended practices to be deleted from the state Conservation Practice Payment Document

Reduced Tillage: the 329B version of this practice will not be available as a cost shared option due to it being a very common component in "HEL" plans as well as it's wide spread usage throughout the county.

This document serves as the Local Work Group recommendation for FY 2004 EQIP. Attached is a roster of participation in the Local Work Group.

Meeting of LWG held 1:00 pm, 2-19-04

Attendees included:

John Jaeger	SWCD Board
Nancy Hovel	FSA Committee
Glen Roberson	SWCD Manager
Ken Lee	FSA Committee
Eldon Hinsch	FSA Committee
Mike Wachholz	DNR Forestry
Don Banks	SWCD Board
Lance Sorenson	DNR Forestry
Bob Sammelson	FSA CED
Tom Steger	NRCS DC

- Also in attendance,
Randy Meyer Wells Creek Watershed
- Invited but unable to attend (comments on priority concerns submitted in writing):
Craig Wills Prairie Island Dakota Community
Jim Bryant Goodhue County Commissioner

Note: Additional comments on priority concerns were submitted anonymously in writing
